

# FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

## PEER GROWTH & LIFELONG LEARNING

### Welcome to PGLL!

It feels like just yesterday that we visited all five PGLL campuses for the first time, and now the fall semester is already over! We have seen some amazing presentations this semester. Thank you for growing and learning with us this fall. We can't wait to keep exploring new topics together!

-Anna & Anne,  
PGLL Campus Facilitators



Debby & Carol with Turkey cards at the Lamoille Campus



## A LOST VERMONT VILLAGE

Erik from the St. Johnsbury campus took us on a trip through time to Greenbank's Hollow, a village that no longer exists. All that remains of the village are cellar holes and plaques indicating what used to be there. On a wintry night in 1885, a fire broke out in a wool processing factory.

The fire quickly spread through the village, igniting the bridge that connected Danville to Greenbank's Hollow. After the village burned, many Greenbank's Hollow residents moved away. The mill relocated to New Hampshire, and the old village disappeared forever.

### Some of the great presentations from our peer teachers this semester:

- Braille by Paul (Colchester)
- Cardinals by Amber (Lamoille)
- Llamas & Alpacas by Amanda (Newport)
- Dancing by Aaron (St. Johnsbury)
- Hummingbirds by Charlie (Hardwick)



Kenny from Colchester exploring this year's elected theme: **Cooking & Baking!**

The Champlain Valley Team made colorful clay pretzels as they dove into this year's culinary topics.

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### EDNA'S ENVIRONMENTAL EXPLORATION



Edna from the Newport Learning Campus taught the class about the do's and don'ts of recycling and the impact trash has on our planet. We got a virtual tour of a Casella recycling plant and saw how the things we recycle are sorted and bailed for the next step of the recycling process. Edna also provided pamphlets for the class with helpful information about recycling.



### GIVING THANKS

This fall, the Lamoille Community Learners and the Hardwick Learning Group collected non-perishable food donations for local food sharing organizations.

Thanks to the generous donations of participants and support staff, we were able to provide two full donation boxes to the Lamoille Community Food Share and the Hardwick Area Food Pantry just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Participants in Lamoille also made hand-shaped turkey cards to give to their friends and family and to thank the kind and helpful librarians at the Lanpher Memorial Library.

We are so thankful for our community of peer teachers and learners, support professionals, and to everyone who help make our PGLL classes possible!



### WE LOVE CAMP THORPE!

Dawn from the Colchester campus shared about her exciting experience at Camp Thorpe in Goshen, Vermont this summer where her peer learners, Drew and Paul, were also campers! Dawn's favorite part of camp was making s'mores and eating enchiladas. Yum!

